

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method of processing an electronic image from an electronic device having a display that is visible to a user, the method comprising the steps of:
- selecting one or more property options from one or more image forming devices from the display to create one or more imaging formats of the electronic image; and
- 10 generating the one or more imaging formats of the electronic image on the image forming devices in response to a selected command.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of, encapsulating the selected properties of the image forming device into a selected object.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of,
- 20 generating a visual representation of the selected object on the display, wherein selection of the visual representation initiates the generation of the one or more imaging formats of the electronic image on the image forming device.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the image forming device comprises one of a printer, a copier and a facsimile machine.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more property options of the image forming device comprises a stock selection, a color selection, and a quantity selection of
- 30 each imaging format.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic image is an electronic document.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein the visual representation is a button on a toolbar.
8. An image reproducing system, comprising:
- 5 an image forming device;  
an input device;  
an image host device having a display; and  
an imaging control facility for configuring the one or more image forming devices for  
generating one or more depictions of an image from the image host device when an  
10 image reproducing command is selected.
9. The system of claim 8, wherein the control facility resides in image forming  
device.
- 15 10. The system of claim 8, wherein the control facility resides in the image host  
device.
11. The system of claim 8, wherein the image forming device comprises one of a  
printer, a copier and a facsimile machine.
- 20 12. The system of claim 8, wherein the image is a collection of characters that has  
been given a unique filename.
- 25 13. The system of claim 8, wherein the image reproducing command is represented  
by a button on a toolbar.
14. The system of claim 8, further comprising an imaging control library that  
provides visual representations of one or more property configurations for the one or  
30 more image forming devices.
15. The system of claim 15, wherein the one or more visual representations of the

one or more image forming devices are one or more visual representations of an object that encapsulates attributes of the one or more image forming devices property configurations to generate multiple imaging formats of an image from the image host device.

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16. The system of claim 15, further comprising a drag and drop facility for supporting the dragging and dropping of the selected visual representation of the imaging control facility library, by the user input device.

10 17. The system of claim 17, wherein the imaging control facility configures the one or more image forming devices to generate the one or more depictions of the image from the image host device in response to a drag and drop of the selected visual representation.

15 18. A computer readable medium holding computer executable instructions for performing a method on an image reproduction system having one or more image forming devices, a host device having a display to view an image in an electronic format and an input device, said method, comprising the steps of:

displaying properties of the one or more image forming devices on the host

20 device;

selecting the properties of the one or more image forming devices to generate one or more imaging formats of the image from the host device; and  
generating the one or more imaging formats of the image at the one or more image forming devices in response to a selected command.

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19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising the step of, encapsulating the selected properties of the one or more image forming devices into a selected object.

30 20. The computer readable medium of claim 19, further comprising the step of, generating a visual representation of the selected object on the

host device, wherein selection of the visual representation initiates the generation of the one or more imaging formats of the electronic image on the one or more image forming devices.

- 5    21.    The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the one or more image forming devices comprises one of a printer, a copier and a facsimile machine.

22.    The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the host device has a microprocessor.

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23.    The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein an image is an electronic document.

24.    The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the visual representation  
15    comprises one of a button and an icon.